

**Patent Claims:**

1. Apparatus for removing coverings laid on even surfaces, comprising a support frame (10) for mounting driving wheels (16) and for accommodating a motor (17) and a gear (18) for driving the driving wheels (16), and comprising a motor-driven separating knife (25), characterized in that at least one loosely rotatable support element (21) is arranged on the support frame (11) parallel to the driving wheels (16).
2. Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the support element (21) is arranged behind the driving wheels (16) in the working direction of the apparatus (10).
3. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the support element (21) is a support roller arranged centrally to the driving wheels (16).
4. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the support element comprises at least two support wheels (21).
5. Apparatus according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that at least one guide handle (14) is provided on the support frame (11) above the support element (21).
6. Apparatus according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the support frame (11) is formed of two legs (12, 13) arranged with a distance between each other.

7. Apparatus according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the gear (18) is arranged above the driving wheels (16).
- 5 8. Apparatus according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a supporting plate (19) is provided in the area of each driving wheel (16) and that each supporting plate (19) comprises at least two pins (23) arranged at the same distance toward the center of the axis of the driving wheels (16) and engaging into oblong holes (24) formed in the support frame (11) and having the shape of the segment of a circle.
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